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§ (A2017MT-US2)  
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INFORMATION

**TERMINAL DISCLAIMER TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Submitted herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer and Statement of Common Ownership with respect to the above-identified patent application and U.S. Patent No. 6,724,708 B2.

- A check in the amount of \$130.00 for the statutory disclaimer fee is enclosed herewith.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1017 (Billing No. 210407.0080) as noted below. A duplicate copy is enclosed.
- Statutory disclaimer fee in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.00.
- Any deficiencies or overpayments in the above-calculated fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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**TERMINAL DISCLAIMER (37 CFR § 1.321(b))**

**IDENTIFICATION OF PERSON MAKING THIS DISCLAIMER**

I, John D. Simmons, represent that I am the agent of record for this invention.

**IDENTITY OF ASSIGNEE AND TITLE OF DISCLAIMANT**

The name of the Assignee is: Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.

The address of the Assignee is: 1006, Oaza Kadoma, Kadoma-shi, Osaka 571-8501,  
JAPAN.

**EXTENT OF DISCLAIMANT'S INTEREST**

The extent of the interest in this invention that the disclaimant owns is in the whole of  
this invention.

## **RECORDAL OF ASSIGNMENT IN PTO**

The assignment was recorded on June 17, 2002 at Reel 013023 starting at Frame 0364.

The present application is a divisional application of U.S. Patent App. No. 10/173,903 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,724,708 B2). The assignment included all rights in the parent application as well as all "... provisionals, non-provisionals, divisions and continuations thereof ..." Accordingly, the recorded assignment at Reel/Frame 013023/0364 conveyed the inventors' interests in the parent application and the present application to the common assignee, Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.

## **DISCLAIMER**

The owner of the above-identified application hereby disclaims, except as provided below, the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the present application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term defined in 35 U.S.C. § 154 to § 156 and § 173 of U.S. Patent No. 6,724,708 B2. The owner of the above-identified application hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the present application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that it and U.S. Patent No. 6,724,708 B2 are commonly owned. This agreement runs with any patent granted on the present application and is binding upon the grantee, its successors or assigns.

In making the above disclaimer, Petitioner does not disclaim any terminal part of any patent granted on the present application that would extend to the expiration date of the full statutory term defined in 35 U.S.C. § 154 to § 156 of the prior patent, in the event that it later: expires for failure to pay a maintenance fee, is held unenforceable or is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, is statutorily disclaimed in whole or is terminally disclaimed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321, has all claims cancelled by a re examination certificate, or is in any manner terminated prior to the expiration of its full statutory term.

The undersigned agent for Petitioner is empowered to act on behalf of Petitioner.

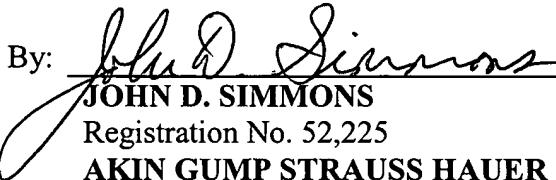
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